

# **APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 20, 2009**

***PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.***

**1. Project Title:**

Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research, Small Fruits Initiative – Plant Improvement

**2. Organization Name and address:**

Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research • 4845 B SW Dresden Ave. • Corvallis, Oregon 97333

**3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**

**4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):**

**5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:**

The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research is a tri-state consortium operated through Oregon State University, Washington State University, University of Idaho and USDA-ARS. It was established to enhance profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry in the Pacific Northwest through research in genetics, pest management, berry and grape processing, production/physiology, and wine processing, and through technology transfer.

**6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)**

1) Small Fruit Pathology Program. FY09 Request: \$500,000. The Pacific Northwest is a major producer of small fruit crops. These crops are susceptible to pre- and post-harvest infection by fungal and bacterial diseases significantly impacting fruit quality of all crops. Funding will be used for: New ARS small fruit pathologist; Cooperative research between ARS and OSU, WSU, or UI.

2) Site Feasibility Study and Phase I Design for Additional or New Research Facilities. FY2009 Request: \$350,000. Current facilities are over crowded, with some needing replacement and other's in need of an upgrade. The entire research effort in the Unit is focused on Specialty Crops. The feasibility study is needed to determine the best approach to move forward, either upgrade and expand existing facilities or to build a new research facility.

3) Competitive Research Grants. FY09 Request: \$250,000. The competitive grants program funds peer reviewed small fruits research projects that foster collaboration between research groups working to enhance profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry.

**7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?**

Yes

**7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.**

FY09: USDA-ARS \$201,300

FY08: USDA-ARS \$201,300

FY07: USDA-ARS \$201,300

FY06: USDA-ARS \$201,300

FY05: USDA-ARS \$201,300

FY04: USDA-ARS \$201,300

**8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):**

United States Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service

**9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?**

1) Small Fruit Pathology Program. Funding will be used for: New ARS small fruit pathologist; Cooperative research between ARS and OSU, WSU, or UI.

2) Site Feasibility Study and Phase 1 Design for Additional or New Research Facilities in Corvallis, Oregon. Funding will be used to determine the best approach to move forward, either upgrade and expand existing facilities or to build a new research facility.

3) Competitive Research Grants. Funding will be used for the competitive grants program peer reviewed small fruits research projects.

The mission for the Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research is to enhance profitability and sustainability of the small fruits industry in the Pacific Northwest through research. The paramount goal of the Center is the development of research programs to define and enhance berry and grape product quality related to marketability. The production value alone of Pacific Northwest berry and grape crop production exceeds \$450 million.

**10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? Yes  
If so, who?**

All members of Congress in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

**11. Funding Details:**

**a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):**

The Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research is an ongoing research program funded through USDA-ARS.

FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
\$201,300	\$201,300	\$201,300	\$201,300	\$201,300	\$201,300

**b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:**

\$1,100,000

**c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)**

Pacific Northwest Small Fruits Contributions to Research & Promotion

Washington Red Raspberry Commission .....	\$485,000
Washington Strawberry Commission .....	\$52,500
Washington Blueberry Commission .....	\$85,848
Washington Wine Commission .....	\$717,000
Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers .....	\$548,000
Idaho Wine Commission .....	\$70,000
Oregon Strawberry Commission .....	\$90,000
Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission .....	\$267,800
Oregon Blueberry Commission .....	\$130,700
Oregon Wine Board .....	\$260,000
Oregon Cranberry Growers Association .....	\$12,000
Concord Grape Research Council .....	\$110,100

TOTALS: .....\$2,828,948

**d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?**

Yes

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.  
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

- 1) Small Fruit Pathology Program. \$400,000 for new ARS research post and pre harvest plant pathology program including one ARS research scientist, one full time technician, greenhouse, office and laboratory space in Corvallis, Oregon. \$100,000 for specific cooperative agreement with Washington State University for a technical support position in Mt. Vernon, Washington.
- 2) Site Feasibility Study and Phase 1 Design for Additional or New Research Facilities. \$350,000 for a full assessment, strategic evaluation and functional analysis of current facilities and infrastructure.
- 3) Competitive Research Grants. \$250,000 will be used for the competitive grants program peer reviewed small fruits research projects.

**f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:**

Oregon Strawberry Commission  
Oregon Raspberry & Blackberry Commission  
Oregon Blueberry Commission  
Oregon Wine Board  
Oregon Cranberry Growers Association  
Concord Grape Research Council  
Washington Red Raspberry Commission  
Washington Strawberry Commission  
Washington Blueberry Commission  
Washington Wine Commission  
Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers  
Idaho Wine Commission

**g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):** Yes

